as Black as It's Painted.

Of Summery Weather in the Middle of

Winter, and Vice Versa.

FRIGHTFUL EXAMPLES OF EXTREMES

The weather, as a topic for the relieving

of embarrassed conversation, has graduated

from the stilted perfumed ballroom to be

freely cussed and discussed on the streets.

It is no more the dernier resorte of the con-

fused lover in entertaining his no less con-

fused girl by some brilliantly original re-

marks upon the ever-changing subject, but

has become an object of scorn among the

common people, who generally have more

mportant topies of conversation, but are

preed to recognize the weather at last on

It is a queer fact, too, that ordinary mor-

tals have picked it up for the same reason

the powdered society favorite has dropped

it-for the reason that there is no change.

Even the wide intellectual grasp of a dude

in patent leathers and an inane simper can-

not invent a new phrase every evening

for an ungrateful kind of weather that

account of its perfect evenness,

The Coke Magnate to Enter

Into the Iron Business.

He Purchases D. A. Stewari's Interest and Will be Chairman.

A PARTNER OF CARNEGIE'S.

SECRET CONFERENCE OF MINERS.

The Situation Changing From Bad to Worse for the Idle Men.

INTERESTING LABOR ITEMS REPORTED

The long-looken-for election of a successor to Mr. D. A. Stewart, ex-Chairman of Carnegie Brothers & Co., was made yesterday. Mr. H. C. Frick, the well-known coke magnate, was elected to the position, and

his election. The election of Mr. Frick to the position was a surprise to every person who heard the news, and caused quite a stir among coke men. The latter thought that Mr. Frick would sell out his large coke inter-

many of them. The election was made by the members o the firm before Mr. Carnegie left the city for New York Saturday evening. Several days prior to that Mr. Carnegie sent for Mr. the option of the purchase of Mr. Stewart's interests in the firm. Mr. Frick took the matter under advisement, and on Saturday notified Mr. Carnegie that he would make the purchase and accept the position.

Acting upon this Mr. Carnegie issued notice to that effect, and requested Mr. Frick to enter at once upon the duties of the posi-

Although Mr. Frick has been made Chairman, and will be supposed to do the work that was done by the late Mr. Stewart, he will not take such an active part as the latter did in the business. In view of this, Mr. Frick will not relinquish the active management of his coke interests, but the

business will be conducted as heretofore. Mr. Frick said yesterday: "The purchase of Mr. Stewart's interest in the Carnegie firm will not compel me to give up my coke business, and the latter will in no wise be affected by the change. Our way of doing business has become so systemized that it is not absolutely necessary for me to devote my whole time to the manufacture of coke. I expect to have the work of Chairman of Carnegie Bros. & Co. so distributed that I

will not have much to do. "I do not care to say what the monetary consideration was. That is a private matter in which the public is not interested at all. The relation of the two firms has always been friendly, and the recent deal will draw

them closer together." Mr. John G. Leishman, who has been acting Chairman of the company, still retains the position of Vice Chairman and Treasurer, and Mr. H. M. Curry, who everybody interested thought would be tendered Mr. old position. Mr. Henry Phipps, now in amount to more than any three of the largest Mexico, will still be retained as consulting partner without pay. Mr. Phipps has sold out his monetary interests in the firm and will not enter again upon the active man- Dr. Kranskopf's Lecture Topic at agement of the company.

MAY RAISE THE FARE.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Line-A Clean Sweep Made. The annual meeting of the Union Line Passenger Railway Company was held ves-

gheny and Manchester line, corner Liberty and Market streets. An entire new board of directors and a president were elected. The change was made by the Manchester Company, who control the Union line stock. The followfng are the names of the new officers: Presi-

terday in the office of the Pittsburg, Alle-

dent, J. W. Dalzell; Directors, W. B. Rhodes, F. C. Hutchison, F. M. Magee, George C. Wilson, W. I. Mustin and A. Mr. Dalzell, the newly elected President,

is a director in the Manchester line. It is not known yet what the policy of the new officers will be, but it is certain that the road will be run in the interest of the Man-Among other rumors flying about is the

statement that the fare on the Union line will be raised from 5 to 6 cents.

THE BUILDERS' EXCHANGE.

New Officers Installed at the Annual Meeting Held Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Builders' Exchange was held yesterday in their hall in the Renshaw building. The newly-elected officers, whose names were published by THE DISPATCH Monday last, were installed. The annual reports of the President, Secretary and Treasurer were read. They showed the exchange to be in a healthy and prosperous financial condition. A number of the members were present to urge the election of delegates to the convention of the National Association of Builders at Philadelphia, but nothing was done about

the matter.

The committee, composed of Messrs. Steel, Miller and Fulmer, who were appointed to confer with Harlow & Co. in regard to the erection of a trade office building, made a progressive report.

PRINTERS' CONVENTION.

Types Hustling for Sits at the National Session In Denver.

No. 7 for the election of their favorites as delegates to the thirty-seventh national convention of the International Typographical Union, to be held at Denver, beginning

There are four candidates in the field-H. J. Kimpton, J. W. Hopkins, Patrick J. Lydon and Frank A. Lewis, a job printer. Only two delegates are needed, and the chances are that Messrs. Kimpton and Lewis will be elected. The election for delegates will be held Sunday, March 27. After this session the conventions will be held every two years.

DOYLE'S COMMISSION.

If Not Re-Elected Master Workman He

Will Become an Organizer.

District Master Workman John F. Doyle, of D. A. No. 3, Knights of Labor, yesterday received his commission as general or ganizer of the order from General Master Workman Powderly. It is not generally known that Mr. Doyle has been for the past year a regularly commissioned organizer, but such is the case, although he has not organized any locals while in the pay of the organization as District Master Workman.
If he is not re-elected to the office, at the If he is not re-elected to the office, at the convention to meet to-morrow, he will travel to Mr. Harmon and Miss Luce, that the boy convention to meet to-morrow, he will travel about the country securing new members for the order and organizing new local as-

APPROACHING A CRISIS.

The Sufferings of the Idle Coal Miners-A Secret Corference of the New Union's Officials Held Yesterday.

A secret conference of officials of the coal miners' new organization was held yesterday in the office of the Labor Tribune. Those present were Thomas W. Davis, Vice President of the National Progressive Union of Indiana; W. T. Lewis, National Secretary of the organization; P. H. Penna, President of the Indiana State Association and organizer for the new union.

The meeting was held for the purpose of considering important matters, and the relations of the new union to the Knights of Labor. The officers have antagonized the national officers of the Knights of Labor, and will continue to do so. A programme for work among the miners who have not yet become members of the new union was outlined, and organizers will be sent among them at once. A vigorous warfare will be waged against the Knights of Labor, and everything possible will be done to further the interests of the new union. While the miners will have nothing to do with the new order now being organized by T. B. Barry, they will maintain friendly relations with that organization.

At the meeting the situation among the Monongahela river miners was discussed From the reports read it was found that entered upon the duties immediately after along the whole river there is not one-half a hundred coal miners working. The only works doing anything is Risher's, which are

running about two days per week. The situation is becoming more distress ing and the prospects more gloomy as the announcements of new strikes are made back in the country, on the railroads. On ests, which proceeding would please a great | Saturday between 350 and 400 men went out at the Eclipse, Flohersheim's and Anderson mines, on the Street's Run division of the Baltimore and Ohio road, near Gastonville. The employers notified the

days prior to that Mr. Carnegie sent for Mr. men that they would have to Frick, and informed him that the latter had suffer a reduction of from 79 to 74 cents. The men held a meeting and telegraphed to John McBride, National President of the new union, at Columbus, O., for instructions. McBride notified them he could not come, but advised them to remain firm and resist the reduction. The men all struck and the

mines have been idle since.
There are between 8,500 and 9,000 miners on the river. One-half of these are married, and the sufferings of some of their families The officials talked of the disthe stocks of coal at Cincinnati and other places there is no immediate prospect of a resumption of work. It has been stated that the present shutdown is a move on the part of the operators to prevent the miners from asking for an advance in the spring. It was stated at the meeting by one of the officials that when the miners are

starving they can fight and stick out longer in a strike than at any other time.

Mr. Penna went to West Newton last night, where he addressed a meeting of The other officials will continue the work of organization all along the river. A mass meeting of delegates, to take action on the shutdown, was held at Monongabela

THE GLASS MEETING.

The Manufacturers Will Leave for Washington This Evening.

The majority of the windo glass manufacturers in this city will leave this evening for Washington, D. C., to attend the annual meeting of the association to be held there to-morrow. The prospects for the formation of a trust and the shutdown of several Ohio

factories grows brighter daily. The market will be further overstocked when the new window house at Jeanette begins to turn out glass. They will begin work there February 10, and the output will factories now running.

THE JEWISH MESSIAH.

Temple This Evening. Rev. Dr. Krauskopf, of Philadelphia, the gentleman who will deliver the first of the series of lectures to be given by the Young Men's Hebrew Association, will arrive on the 8 o'clock train from the East this morning. He will be met by a committee of the society, and taken as a guest to the residence of Mr. M. Oppenheimer, Locust

The subject of his lecture at the temple, on Eighth street, this evening is, "The Messiah and the Jews." The exact position Messiah has been one of peculiar interest and of some doubt, and the rabbi's views or the subject will do much to explain the real belief as regards the coming of another

THE FIREMEN'S FIRST

Grand Reception Was Held at Central Turner Hall Last Night.

The first annual reception of the Holbrook Lodge No. 378, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, held at Central Turner Hall, on Forbes street, last night, was a great success.

The Pittsburg City Band furffished part of the music. The Committee of Arrangements was composed of Messrs. G. James,

J. Price, A. Hagerman, Ed Morrow, P. J. Glancy and D. W. Scott. PLENTY OF MUD OUT THERE.

Manufacturers' Gas Company Extends Its

Line to Taylorstown. Mr. Charles Meyran states that the Manufacturers' Natural Gas Company has laid lines to the Taylorstown oil field to supply the drillers and the people in the neighbor-hood with fuel. The roads have become so bad in that section that business is almost at a standstill, and the action of the company

Installation of Select Knights.

At the regular meeting of Pittsburg Legion, S. K. of A. O. U. W., held last night, the following officers were installed by D. S. C. McCutcheon: Commander, Charles V. Lewis; V. C., W. C. Demorest; L. C., J. S. Carson; Recording Secretary, J. S. Frazier; Recording Treasurer, E. F. Seaman; Treas-A great amount of hustling is being done by the members of Typographical Union Junior W., S. S. Cunningham; O. S., W. Aumrhein.

The New Electric Car.

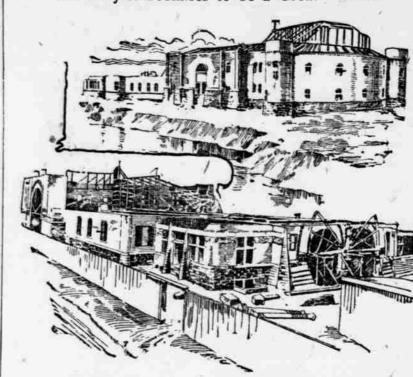
The work on the electric street car at the Westinghouse electric building is progressing rapidly. It is thus far satisfactory beyoud all expectations. Several tests of the motor were made by the electricians yester-day. The minor details of fitting up the car are now being taken in hand, and the car is expected to be ready for its trial trip it about a week.

An Alderman's Suit. The new Alderman in the Twelfth ward, J. B. Nobbs, has entered suit before Alderman Porter, against a man named R. H. that the delendant got money and goods from him amounting to \$35, representing he owned property when such was not the case. Davis gave bail for a hearing on Wednesday

next. What Drove Him to Spicide. From the testimony given at the inquest on the body of Joseph Kennedy, the little boy who committed suicide last week by continued to-day.

POPULAR INTEREST IS AROUSED

And the Public Meeting To-Night on Behalf of the Exposi- The Present Open Winter Isn't Quite tion Project Promises to be a Great Success.



public interest in the Exposition project. The last few days have witnessed more activity among its friends than for weeks past. More than one business man who a month ago could not be induced to increase his subscription, has since paid a visit to the Point, took a taken at the unfinished building, and said with emphasis, "It must not

It is now the earnest hope of the Exposition Society that this revival of public spirit will be prolonged into permanent life. To that end they are working hard. They feel confident that if the business men can only be made to feel the benefits which will eventually flow from an annual exposition, they will contribute generously to the object. They have therefore arranged to have many interesting facts set forth to the public meeting for business men and citizens, tonight in Old City Hall. The directors met yesterday afternoon and finished all arrangements for this big gathering. Everybody is invited to attend it. Mr. William E. Schmertz was selected as Chairman of the meeting, and the following list of Vice 1 Presidents has been appointed:

Colonel E. S. Allen, Ross W. Drum, H. Sellers McKee, H. J. Bailey, D. W. C. Bidwell, A. E. W. Painter, P. Reamer, John Z. Speer, A. Griscom, S. Hamilton, George Shiras, Jr., M. K. Moorhead, M. W. Watson, Thomas E.

VIEWS OF THE EXPOSITION BUILDINGS AT PRESENT-RIVER AND STREET FRONTS Undoubtedly there is an awakening of | Watt, D. Herbert Hostetter, Hay Walker, Jr. Bradley, Charles J. Clark, William Thaw, J. N McCollough, J. F. Denniston, W. D. Wood, Alex. Nimick, Captain C. W. Batchelor, Albert Barr, C. L. Magee, Paul H. Hacke, B. F. Jones, A. M. Byers, E. Frauenheim, J. Scott Ward, John Dunlap, A. Leggete, Joseph Eichbaum, John N. Neeb, B. P. Langfitt, R. H. Boggs, Harmar D. Denny,

William Semple, Joseph Horne, Hon. William McCallin, Hon. R. T. Pearson, E. Witherow Frank Hopper, Captain J. J. Vandergrift, John B. Jackson, John Flannery, William Neeb Thomas C. Lazear, E. M. O'Neill, William Hal pin, William M. Lyon, C. G. Hussey, E. H. Meyers, J. P. Hanna, Charles Klopfer, William Hamilton, T. C. Jenkins, John Haworth, D. Ewart, A. C. Henderson, William Flinn, C. C. Mellor, H. Kleber, Thomas Mellon, A. M. Marshall, James J. Donnell.

Stirring speeches will be made by John H. Rickertson, Rev. W. J. Holland, James B. Scott, H. K. Porter, George H. Anderson, Josiah Cohen, Hon. A. C. Robertson Charles F. McKenna, P. F. Smith, R. W. Carnahan, W. F. McCook, James H. Reed Dr. James Alleson, A. M. Brown, W. C. Moreland, Peter Dick, Colonel W. A. Stone, Wm. De Wolf, Rev. James J. Mc-Tighe, Judge J. W. E. White.

Owing to the absence of some and the sickness of others, the street car Presidents' meeting for the purpose of helping the Exposition project was postponed yesterday afternoon

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Number of Small Railroads Elect Officers for the Year. The annual meetings of the Mt. Pleasant

yesterday.

The officers of the Mt. P. & B. F. road elected are: Mr. J. B. Washington, President; Welty McCullough, Greensburg. Secretary and Treasurer: Directors—Messrs. Charles F. Mayer, Mendes Cohen, Robert Garrett, Alexander Shaw, of Baitimore; J. B. D. Meeds, John B. Jackson, J. V. Patton, John Bissell, Charles L. Fitzhugh, W. C. Magee, of Pittsburg; A. R. Banning, of Connellsville, Pa.; O. P. Shupe, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

For the Wheeling, Pittsburg and Baltimore the following officers were elected: President, J. B. Washington; Secretary, A. W. Black; Treasurer, W. H. Ijams, Baltimore: Directors—Messrs. J. B. Washington, Charles F. Mayer, Johns McCleave, J. V. Patton, J. D. Scully, W. W. Smith, William Workman.

J. V. Patton was elected President of the Sharpsville road: J. B. Washington, Vice President and Treasurer; S. K. Harris, Secretary; Directors—Messrs. C. K. Lord, T. D. Messler, J. B. Caven, E. B. Taylor, Johns McCleave, J. J. Pierce.

The Monongahela Connecting railroad also held its annual meeting yesterday and

President, H. A. Laughlin; Vice President, J. Laughlin, Jr.; Directors—B. F. Jones, T. M. Jones, G. M. Laughlin, W. L. King, W. L. Jones, J. Laughlin, Jr.; Treasurer, J. Laughlin, Jr.; General Manager, W. C. Quincy; Secretary, Benj. Page.

same as for the Monongahela Connecting

THE CHARTER COMMITTEES.

of That of Mr. Shiras. The joint committee representing the Allegheny Finance Committee and citizens of Allegheny, met yesterday afternoon. The opinion of Mr. Shiras was discussed. They also figured up the cost of running a second and a third class city. The calculation showed a difference of \$8,000 per year in favor of the second class city. The exact figures will not be given out before this afternoon. A general meeting of both committees will be held at 3 o'clock this a ter-

If the talk of the members of the committees counts for anything, the city will be made second class. Around City Hall last night a number of citizens thought it was hardly possibly that Mr. Watson's opinion, which will be sent to the committee to-day a standstill, and the action of the company will be the opposite view from that of Mr. will be a great relief to the entire comwill complicate matters more than ever. The cost of the opinions will be over \$500

FOR \$63,000.

This is the largest cash sale ever made in Colorado outside o the city of Denver. The tract comprises 3,280 acres of agricultural land. T. C. Henry, representing the Pitts-burgers, concluded the sale.

Friends Lett.

Department of Justice.

COFFEE AND CIGARS. Mr. F. H. Kohler Gives a Pleasant Dinner

and Broad Ford Railroad, the Wheeling, Mutual Accident Insurance Association of Pittsburg and Baltimore and the Sharpsville Railroad companies were held in the | Hotel Duquesne to the agents of the comoffices of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad | pany. Plates were laid for about 25 guests.

also held its annual meeting yesterday and elected the following named officers:

The annual meeting of the Southeast Bridge Company, held at the same time, re-sulted in the election of G. M. Laughlin, President. All the other officers are the

Mr. Watson's Opinion May be the Reverse

noon. The sub-committee will report what class the city should enter.

Pittsburgers Buy a Large Tract of Land

in San Luce Valley. A telegram from Denver received here last night stated that a number of Pittsburg capitalists had just concluded the purchase of a large tract of land in the San Luce valley. They have formed a syndicate which will be known as the Allegheny Improvement Company, and the purchase was made from the Empire Land and Improvement Company of Colorado for the cash sum of

PARDON FOR GAY.

The Pension Defaulter Has a Great Many

S. K. Gav, the defaulting clerk of the Pension Office under Hon. Russell Errett, Davis for talse pretense. Mr. Nobbs claims has applied or a pardon. His friends have been active in the circulation of the application. It is now signed by nearly all the Government officials except those in the

Gny was personally very popular. It is understood that prison life has been hard on his health.

Heart Disease Killed Him.

William H. Stark, a shoemaker residing at No. 1091/2 Monterey street, dropped dead

to His Associates.

Mr. Frank H. Kohler, of the People's this city, gave a dinner last evening at the The table was prettily decorated with floral designs. In the center was an attractive lighthouse placed in the middle of a lake of water. The menu was carefully prepared, and the dinner was enjoyed by all present. When coffee and cigars were reached the speech-making commenced. Addresses were made by Mr. Kohler and by a number of the guests present. Mr. Kohler's guests were: guests present. Mr. Kohler's guests were:
Messrs. George B. Raymond, of Chicago, Ill.,
W. R. Becklev, Lexington, Ky.: George H.
Parker, Cleveland, O.: John L. Schilling,
Wheeling, W. Va.: George Staley, Canton, O.; A. G. Saxon, Latrobe, Pa.; F.
B. Turner, Warren, Pa.; H. B. Wilson,
Washington, D. C.; H. D. W. English;
R. J. Johnston, Esq., J. G. Bergtresser, John
Erwin, Jr., Hon. R. T. Pearson, B. C. Shore,
Jos. T. Nevin, E. R. Kramer, C. F. Nevin, R.
J. Wilson, W. H. Latshaw, N. M. Gibbs, Jos.
S. Brown, C. C. Dickey, Esq., Fred, Erwin, J.
H. Wright, M. D., P. B. Eiler and H. M.
Bowers.

BEFORE THE PARDON BOARD.

Number of Pittsburg Lawyers to Plend Cases at Harrisburg. A number of Pittsburg lawyers left for tooth will appear in the interest of several clients. Joseph Hays, Esq., will make an argument before the board in the case of Ed Coyle, who is now serving a term in the penitentiary on the charge of murder, and Messrs. Lyon and McKee in the McClure-

Freyvogle gambling cases. Mounted Police Needed.

Oakland is now at the mercy of an organized band of thieves, who are carrying on wholesale burglaries. For the past four

nights houses have been entered, and small sums of money and articles stolen. LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED. Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed

for Ready Rending. THE annual meeting of the Humane Society will be held this afternoon. JOHN T. MCCAULEY, of the First ward, Alle gheny, has announced himself as a candidate for Common Council.

BEFORE the grand jury adjourned vesterday they presented Clerk A. C. Robertson with a silver butter bowl and knife. THE Allegheny Finance Committee, on matters touching the new charter, will meet the Citizens' Committee this afternoon.

ABE DUNCAN, a fireman on the Panhandle. was squeezed between two cars yesterday as Sheridan station. Two ribs were broken. RICHARD MURTHA was committed to fail vesterday for a hearing on next Friday for stealing brasses from Oliver Bros. Tenth street

EUGENE DAVIS, a printer hurt in the Wood street wreck, was removed from the Homeo-pathic Hospital to his home in Bellevue yester-

A RAG PICKER yesterday found the skeletons of a hand and arm in the rubbish on Second avenue, near the incline. The dirt had come from a doctor's office. ROBERT GAY, a railroad conductor, refused to pay some money he owed in a Smithfield

street shooting gallery last night, and was ar rested by Officer Ketter. No TRACE of Mrs. Clara Mossek, who left her home in Shaler township two weeks ago, has yet been discovered. She is 25 years old, me-dium height and has dark hair. THE Eleventh Ward Republican Club met in the school house last night. A committee was appointed to secure stopping places for members who will attend the inauguration. JOHN STEWART, a gripman on the Citizen's

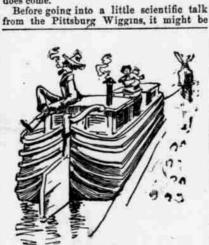
Traction Line, had a leg crushed by being struck by a car at the Butler street curve yes-terday morning. He lives on Forty-fourth WILLIAM SWEINT, a laborer, aged about 35 years, was struck by a train near East Liberty station yesterday morning, and probably fatally injured. He was removed to the West Penn Hospital. The Colorado Smelting Company has started

PATRICK MORROW charged John Smith, of Second arenue, before Alderman Richards yesterday, with smushing a door and several windows in his house in the Fourteenth ward. Smith was sent to jail in default of \$300 bail. A Horse belonging to J. R. Davison, while crossing the Citizen's Traction track at Forty-

The M. D. Attending to Business. obstinately remains the same, and in utter despair they grope around blindly for something, anything, to fill up a gap in the conversation wide enough to swallow the whole

NATURE MUST BE NATURAL.

"It isn't natural," say some, "and some esults will follow." Now this isn't so, for it is perfectly natural. It would be a most ingenious paradox indeed for nature to produce anything unnatural. There are certain reasons and laws for everything in nature, so convincing and so certain in a direct line from cause to result, that it is an insult to the old lady to call anything a freak of nature. She will not then suddenly discard all laws in order to favor an ingrate country loesn't appreciate an open winter when it



Opening of a Navigation That Didn't Close. well to look about and see if the terrible

effects of an open winter, as prophesied by many, are visible. It is said that typhoid fever is raging in Allegheny; but doesn't typhoid lever always rage in Allegheny? and, in the words of a well-known Pittsburg physician, A number of Pittsburg lawyers left for "typhoid fever will continue to rage in Harrisburg last evening to attend to-day's Allegheny just as long as people insist upon meeting of the Pardon Board. Major Mon- drinking fetid water taken from almost the center of the city; water SWARMING WITH BACTERIA.

> muderia offalyxeræ, and all the nameless and terrible things incident to crowded civilized life in a crowded city." Then the open winter has caused a season of profit and consequent rejoicing among the rivermen. Unriver and downriver packets are running and will run for fully a month longer than usual, thus giving em-ployment to 240 men able and willing to earn their daily bread, instead of laying them off to eat the scant bread of idleness.



The Wild Clothing Dealer. And it is no wonder the river men chuckle over the present state of coal-boat weather (though they have all agreed not to ship more coal for 45 days), as they well remem-ber, and are all arraid of the effects of hard weather. As a strange example, Captain J. W. Batchelor tells of the queer winter of 1872, when he started with a heavily laden boat from Cincinnati to Memphis. While on the way a cold snap settled down like a frigid fact from the north. The water began to freeze right before their eyes, cracking as it became frozen like a growing

THE ICE HAD CAUSED IT. After the most extraordinary adventures to the common man, but nothing unusual to the river tourist, they finally rounded into Green river, warmly flowing from the South into the trozen bed of the main stream. Here the boat began to rapidly fill with water, and was only saved by lightening her of cargo and "listing" from side to side in order that carpenters might calk her. The reason for her leakage was strange. The quickly frozen ice had actually cut through her seams like a keen-edged razor,

and the queerest accident of the times was only averted by timely discovery. So much for hard winters; but the present season is what might be called a "soft snap" for everybody, excepting, perhaps, winter clothiers. Theirs is certainly a tale of woe. They have torn down prices, and to Pittsburg a silver brick worth about \$50, to be sold at anction by the Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of the sufferers from the Wood at reet wreck.

They have torn down prices, and to five hair, but to no avail. Winter clothing will not sell in summer weather, and as it is, the average man is even now washing in a delightful state of weather. and as it is, the average man is even now wabbling in a delightful state of uncertainty between neavy undergarments and low-cut

bealers who sell skates aren't selling them, and ice dealers are not dealing in ice. The man with rubber goods for the feet must wear them himself, and the crossest fourth and Butler streets yesterday, got a hoof caught in a slot, and before he could free himself was struck by a car and severely injured.

man and the most ill-tempered girl on the grocer will get it for you if he does not skip cap for a Christmas present, and the already keep it.

young girl who has her first sealskin sacque that must hang up in her room unseen, or must be worn on parade if she smothers—and she generally smothers. NOT BAD AFTER ALL

SPEAKING OF THE MISFITS of an open winter, somebody ought to go up-stairs and comfort the weather clerk, Stewart. He is cheerful and happy enough, but somewhat dazed. He does not know whether THE BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS it's himself or somebody else who is issuing summer weather bulletins in winter, and talking of rain and wind instead of snow

The weather map yesterday showed re markable evenness of temperature all over the country. Some strange things, however, are also shown.

In Pittsburg, on the 42° line, an average temperature of 36° was recorded. But 140 miles north, at Lacrosse, the trigid figures of 20 above zero were recorded, while 700 miles south, at Montgomery, it was but 20 warmer than here.

The warm line of 48° hovers away toward

the South, only scooping far enough north

TO TAKE IN LOUISVILLE. doubtful compliment to either the warm Kentucky beauties or the warming warm Kentucky beauties or the warming Kentucky whisky.

The younger citizens are going around looking wise and prophesying that ugly winter blasts will strike a fair balance before the season is over; but the oldest inhabitant sits down upon them with remarkable unanimity and says that, barring occasional cold realing the order winter.

casional cold spelis, the entire winter will be pleasant, open and healthful. Up to date the only actual sufferers, aside from disgruntled storekeepers, are those tinged with rheumatic twinges, and they don't kick very much, probably because

they can't. As a fact, however, this weather is very, very hard on them.

Meanwhile, pending some definite conclusion agreed upon between Boreas and Wiggins, an interested public stands around watching the fatal struggle, hoping that each might down the other, and praying that the reigning fad might not seize them; that they may not form a trust, but fight it

OPPOSED TO THE BILL.

Members of Legislature Talk on the Trac-

tion Road Measure. The Hon. Messrs. D. C. Jones, of Elizabeth, and William T. Marshall, of Allegheny, left on the fast line for Harrisburg last evening. The former gentleman, speaking of Mr. Marland's traction road bill, said that from the published accounts of the measure, it would give traction and motor roads the exclusive control of the streets of a city. If such was the case it should not, in his view of the case, be supported. Neither of the two gentlemen had as yet seen a copy of the bill, and for this reason did not care to say which way they proposed to vote when it is brought before the House.

As it now stands, they say, however, it looks too much as if the traction roads wanted to obtain control of all the streets and shut out other companies, and they can do so if the measure is not defeated. When the bill is read, the gentlemen thought, it may be more moderate than it has been pictured, and their opinions may change, but from what can be learned at present it is likely that their votes will be

and So the Wife Said She Made Her Living by Telling Fortunes.

A HUSBAND IDLE.

Charles and Mary McMinniman had a hearing before Alderman Porter yesterday on a charge of fortune telling. The evidence showed that they hired girls as drummers in the business.

Mrs. McMinniman claimed her husband wouldn't work, and she lived by telling fortunes. She furnished \$300 bail, but her lord went to jail in default of this sum.

Tokens of Affection. Father McKeever, pastor of the Blairsville Sts. Simon and Indes - Church, leaves to-day for Latrobe to take charge of the Catholic Church there. His congregation in Blairsville before he left surprised him

GIFTS FROM HIS PEOPLE.

with a vocal and literary entertainment given in his honor.

He was also presented with a purse and fine gold watch, gifts from the members of Want a Centennial Holiday. The Ways and Means Committee of the Washington Centennial Celebration Committee, met last night on the Southside and

up a petition asking Legislature to make April 30, 1889, a centennial holiday, and requesting Governor Beaver to issue such a Deferred, but Not Abandoned. At a meeting of the Southside Medical Society last night, at 1802 Carson street, the question as to the establishment of a hosital on the Southside was deterred until

decided to appoint a sub-committee to get

the next meeting. Scott's Absolutely Safe Anasthetic.

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It Heads the List. Marvin's new milk bread rivals the best man and the most ill-tempered girl on the and sweetest home made article. Your M'CLELLAND VS GRANT.

These Two Generals. The respective merits of U. S. Gran and G. B. McClelland as Generals of the Union Army during the Civil War, served as the subject of a debate last night at St. Augustine's Hall on Thirty-seventh street, the discussing parties being two members of the St. Augustine's Literary Society and the same number of representatives of St. John's Literary

Society.

The debate lasted for about two hours and a half. On both sides the language used in favor of the championed hero was very painted, but, as the umpire afterward remarked, it was too assertive, and without argument or proof. The defenders of Grant spoke of McClelland as a man without a

head; as a soldier who ought to be stripped of his title.

Then the anti-Grant men retorted with similar remarks, until one of them capped similar remarks, until one of them capped the climax by stating: "What did Grant do anyhow? Nothing I should say!" This set the audience rippling with laughter. While the debating contest was not de-cided, inasmuch as Mr. W. A. Golden, the umpire declared it a draw, the evening's entertainment was, nevertheless, very much enjoyed by the audience.

CHURCH DEDICATION. The New Edifice on McClure Avenue Will

be Opened Sunday. The McClure Avenue Presbyterian Church, Wood's Run, Allegheny, will be ledicated with appropriate ceremonies next Sunday. The services in the forenoon will be conducted by Rev. D. S. Kennedy, D. D., pastor of the First Church, of Allegheny. He will be assisted by Rev. Dr. I. N. Hays, who will also preach a sermon. The church is an elegant brick structure and has just been completed at a cost of \$45,000. It stand on McClure avenue near the Fort Wayne Railroad crossing. Immediately in its rear is a two-storied brick Sunday school which has an average at-

tendance of about 600 people.

The church stands on the site of the old frame building which was formerly known as the first church built in "the Run," when there were very few people in that portion of Allegheny City. It was first established as a mission from the First Church in Allegheny. The new church will have a handsome pipe organ, which is said to be the finest in the city.

OFF FOR MEXICO. Party of Pittsburgers to Pay a Visit to the Land of the Aztecs.

C. G. Dickson and J. McCormack left for Durango, Mexico, yesterday. The gentle-men have large business interests in Mexico, and propose to make an extended visit

[Communicated.]

A Call From the Ningteenth Ward. Samuel D. Warmcastle: DEAR SIR-The undersigned citizens and taxpayers of the Nineteenth ward, desiring to be represented in the Select branch of the City Councils by a man who is himself a taxpayer, who has undoubted courage to stand for the right and antagonize wrong, who is not connected with any ring or sub-servient to the will or wishes of any man or set of men, who will by his voice and vote see that the expenses of the city government are kept down to a sum sufficient to run the city in a conservative, business-like man-ner, who will boldly fight any measure presented for the consideration of Councils which would be detrimental to the best interests of the taxpayers of the city, and who is a man of undoubted integrity of character

and purpose.

Believing that you possess all of the qualifications above indicated, we earnestly request you to become a candidate before the the ensuing February election for the po the ensuing February election for the position of Select Councilman for that ward. Thos, Mellon, A. W. Mellon, John W. Tim, J. C. Buffum, Louis Kable, R. M. Sterrett, W.W. Sneathen, John Williams, F. McKelyy, J. D. Graff, A. M. Voigt, Geo. B. Kelly, D. Linhart, D. C. Kuhn, T. A. Mellon, J. A. Peepels, G. M. Dilworth, H.-P. McCull'gh, H. T. Morris, S. E. Gill, Chas, Lockhart, J. H. McKelyy, John T. Wilson, W. R. Kuhn, C. J. Retzter, H. Crawford, A. W. Weber, Jno. S. Holland, J. R. Speer, E. B. McAbee, Andrew Straus, A. H. Wilson, J. R. Mellon, W. R. Scott, T. B. Moreland, W. H. Fritz, J. C. Dilworth, J. C. Grogan, W. A. Doak, and many others.

And many others.

Hon. Thomas Mellon. Messrs. Charles Lockhart.
John W. Tim. John T. Wilson. T. S. Moreiand.
John H. McKelvy. D. R. Kuhn, Harris Crawford, H. P. McCultongh and others: Replying to your too flattering commu-nication, I have to say that after serving four years in Select Council to the best of my ability, and having moved into the Nineteenth ward but recently, I feel reluctant to stand for the position, which is one of severe trial and self-sacrifice, if one acts with fidelity. But if the citizens de sire my services, and constant personal solicitation seems to indicate they do, I will comply with your request, and, if elected, promise to treat all fairly, regardless of party ties, and act conscientiously for the interest of the city. With great respect,

your obedient servant, S. D. WARMCASTLE. JACKSON'S home-made working pants and overalls, best known as the 50 cent Star overalls, to be had only at Jackson's, 954 and 956 Liberty street. TTSu

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a few of the many bargains for early

\$2 50 for a Plain Newmarket, with Cape; \$5 for a Fancy Newmarket; \$10 for a variety of styles in Plain, Braided or Cape Sleeve Newmarket at a uniform price. \$20 to \$30 can be saved on Pattern Garments, only one of a kind. \$5 to \$15 on Plush Garments, Seal Garments of the best class at special prices.

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BY FINE AND ARREST.

The Allegheny Committee on Special Instruction Would Appoint Officers to Hunt Up Trunnts.

The Committee on Special Instruction of the Board of Controllers of the Allegheny school district have prepared an act making education between certain ages compulsory, the substance of which is given below: All parents and guardians shall see that their children are instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammer, arithmetic and geography; and all children between the ages of 8 and 14 must attend a day school, public or rivate, at least 16 weeks each year, eight of

which are consecutive.

For every neglect of this duty the offender shall forfeit \$25, unless the child be destitute of clothing by reason of its parents' poverty, or it be unfit mentally or physically to attend school. Chilren living remote from any public school in their district may attend a school in an adjoining district, and in case the parents or guardians cannot provide the children with text-books, they will be provided by the school directors.

rectors.
Truant officers will be elected by the respecte school boards, who shall see that the law is beyed and shall prosecute offenders. Should be school board fail to elect such officers they shall be fined a sum not less than \$10 and no

shall be fined a sum not less than \$10 and not more than \$50.

The above truant officers shall be compensated the same as regular conscables.

Every child between the ages of 10 and 14 refusing to attend school, or found wandering about the public streets, after having been notified to attend school by the truant officer, shall be committed to the State Reform School. If the parents or guardians of a disobedient child notify the School Board of the fact, they shall be exempt from any penalties, and the child shall, as above, be sent to the Reform School. It shall be the duty of all school superintend-It shall be the duty of all school superintendents to ascertain by visitation whether the children in the schools are properly instructed. In a supplementary act power is given to the proper authorities to direct what instruction, if any, shall be given in the industrial arts, and what books shall be used in the High School.

Mrs. Barbara Kovinski, who kept a fence

The Court Must Declde.

on Penn avenue, and her husband, John had a hearing before Alderman McKenna yesterday. The woman made no defence, and was held for court on a charge of larceny. Her husband claimed he was ignorant of his wife's work, and his case is under advisement.

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